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# Newsletter

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### Thanks

... to those who continue to support the Nothing Naughty fruit bar fundraiser - this money will be used to buy books for our library and to make improvements to our library environment.

... Thanks to Wayne Deeming & Engineering Northland for fixing the netball goals.

### Term Calendar ... More to follow as dates come to hand!

20 May	Nominations for BOT election close 12 noon
24 May	Year 7 and 8 Winter Sports Tournament (pp 31.5)
25 May	Hockey coaching sessions begin
26 May	School Council Book Character Dress-up Day
3 June	BOT Election voting closes 12 noon
8 June	Year 5 and 6 Winter Sports Tournament (pp 14.6)
17 June	On-line portfolios open for viewing
30 June	Science Fair judging
4 July	Science Fair exhibits pen for viewing
4/5 July	Interviews
7 July	Year 8 HPV vaccination 2
8 July	Final day of term 2

### People of the week

... Natalie Redwood for an amazing piece of writing this week. Well done Nat, can't wait for the next one!

... Players of the Day Awards - Matarau 2 Netball - Piper; Matarau 1 Netball - Nyree; Kamo Rippa Rugby - Rollen 7/5 & - Hamish 14/5 - Well done everyone!

### Upcoming Board Election Some critical dates ...

20 May	Nominations closed
25 May	Voting papers issued
3 June	Election date
9 June	Votes counted
10 June	New board takes office

### Board of Trustee's National Election Day is 3 June 2016

Make sure your vote counts - vote for the candidates who bring the best skills to the table. All parents of full-time students can and should vote in the elections. Look for your voting papers in your letterbox mid next week and post them or bring them into school by noon Friday 3 June 2016.

### Year 7 and 8 Winter Sports trip - 24.5 (pp 31.5)

Please ensure your child has their Matarau School blue and white shirt, a jumper and raincoat. If your child is involved in Hockey please provide a mouth guard. Suitable sports shoes should be brought if your child is playing football, netball, or hockey. Children are to have bare feet for Rippa Rugby. Shin pads are optional for football and hockey. All students should bring two drink bottles with water if possible. Please ensure any outstanding consents are returned to school by Monday. Questions about this event please to Mrs Donaldson.

### Cambridge Programme... expressions of interest 2017

The school is currently seeking expressions of interest in the Lower Secondary Programme (Year 7 & 8) from the wider Whangarei area. Our intention is to gradually grow this programme (over the next few years), while keeping numbers as low as possible in each room. So, if you know of anyone wanting an exceptional start to secondary school, perhaps suggest that they contact the school to discuss this programme, or that they visit our website for more information. Some people are paying \$25,000 over 2 years for a similar programme elsewhere ... why not save this money and put it towards the cost of tertiary study or a deposit on their first house!!

### Reminders from last week

... please continue your work at home on the consideration virtue. Re-visit these theme often and celebrate any gains. Don't be shy to let us know of special examples of consideration so we can put these in the newsletter.

... international schools practice papers will be available from 20 June.

... please continue to support the bus monitors and contact Kevin directly if he can assist with any bus related matters.

... if you received a letter recently advising of attendance concerns please advise if we can assist in any way.

### Draft Child Protection Policy

The Board is required to have a Child Protection Policy. A draft policy was circulated last week via our most comprehensive distribution list, and a copy has been placed on the school notice board (by the hall). Further copies are available from the office on request ... email or hard copy.

Comments on the proposed policy must be submitted to the Board in writing please no later than 13 June.

Please note this policy has been based (with some modifications to fit our school) on a promulgated model and so will not be greatly different from that being implemented in other schools.

### School Contributions

Those who opted for term payment of school contributions will receive a payment request next week.

### Term Headlice Inspection

Please contact Helen on Monday if you are able to assist with our term headlice inspection. We understand these critters are making a reappearance and so it might save everyone a lot of grief if we deal to them now.

### Council Book / Movie Character Day

Confirmed date Friday 27 May. Maybe get your kids thinking about who they might be on the day. We will have a character parade (9:10 AM on the courts ... hall if wet) with some awesome prizes for best costumes (presented 10:50 .. after interval).



### Nothing Naughty Bars - Library Books Fundraiser

Thank you so much to those who have supported this fund-raiser to date ... and a special thanks to Lisa for her hard work behind the scenes. **If you have bars and do not want these bars, or you are not in a position to on-sell these, please return them to school ASAP next week as we have willing buyers.** Any questions please contact Helen in the office or Lisa Ryan on 027 454 3630.

### Wool Remnants

Thank you to those that donated wool.. It has been handed on & little cot blankets are in production.

### Cambridge Update

On Thursday 2 June (starting 3:15 PM in room 11) we will host our next Cambridge meeting. At this meeting we will share with parents how we intend to monitor and report on your child as they progress through their Cambridge journey. Parents will continue to receive the usual year 7 and 8 diagnostic information, but will also receive results of performance in milestone Cambridge assessments.

Further to this, we will talk with you about how we are using (and intend to further use) our science lab to grow competencies in this important area of the curriculum. Parents should feel free to bring interested friends with them. This programme is unique, and the results we are seeing are very positive.

**Parents of year 5 and 6 students are also welcome at this meeting.** This is an opportunity for you to get a feel for the Cambridge Secondary 1 programme (and its potential implications for your child), so that you can make informed decisions about your child's preparation for secondary school. We are the only school in Northland offering this programme at no cost to parents. We will have a limited number of out of zone places for 2017 and so don't hesitate to mention this programme to those outside of our zone. So ... we look forward to seeing some of you on 2 June or at some other time by appointment.

### **Finally**

Thank you to those people who have put their names forward as candidates for our forthcoming board election. Your commitment to the school is very much appreciated. Voting papers will be issued next week, along with candidate statements, and we would like to encourage every parent to cast their vote.

Successful board members will ideally have the following attributes, we suggest you keep these in mind as you cast your votes ... successful board members ...

... are able to work as part of a team

... are good listeners

... are discreet

... think (and research) first, and act second

... subordinate personal agendas to the wider good

... believe in education and are supportive of the educational professionals

... are willing to pull up their sleeves and get stuck in

Regards ... *nga mihi*

Kevin Trehwella

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### **School Lunches**



**Mondays** - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice.

Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

**Wednesdays** - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce.

Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

**Fridays** - \$4.00 : Hot Mince Pie, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar), butter chicken or mince & cheese wrap and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the fruit drink for a flavoured milk for \$5.00. Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday.

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# Photo's from the Year 7 & 8 trip to Quarry Gardens & Limestone Island

